

By Curtis Seidlitz

H.B. No. 1325

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing of certain persons as speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 381, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 4512j, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 13A to read as follows:

Sec. 13A. WAIVER OF LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS. (a) The board shall waive the licensing requirements imposed under this Act and issue a license as a speech-language pathologist to a person who:

(1) holds a baccalaureate or graduate degree from an accredited institution of higher education and is certified by the Central Education Agency in speech and hearing therapy or who, in the judgment of the board, satisfies equivalent requirements; and

(2) for the two years preceding January 1, 1996, has been engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology.

(b) The board shall waive the licensing requirements imposed under this Act, other than the examination requirement, and issue a license as an audiologist to a person who:

(1) holds a graduate degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a major in speech-language pathology or audiology; and

(2) for the 10 years preceding January 1, 1996, has

1 been engaged in the practice of audiology.

2 (c) An applicant for a license under this section must apply
3 on or before September 1, 1996, and provide proof satisfactory to
4 the board that the person satisfies the requirements of this
5 section. An applicant for a license under Subsection (b) of this
6 section must pass the examination under Section 12 of this Act on
7 or before January 1, 1997.

8 (d) This section expires January 1, 1998.

9 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 1995.

10 (b) The State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
11 Pathology and Audiology shall adopt rules to implement Section 13A,
12 Chapter 381, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983
13 (Article 4512j, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as added by this
14 Act not later than January 1, 1996.

15 SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the
16 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
17 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
18 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
19 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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FEB 20 1995

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health

Reported favorably (as amended)
(as substituted)

Sent to Committee on (Calendars)
(Local & Consent Calendars)

Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of years, nays, present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend)
by a vote of years, nays, present, not voting

Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of years, nays, present, not voting)

Engrossed

Sent to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OTHER HOUSE ACTION:

Received from the House

Read and referred to Committee on

Reported favorably

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)
(years, nays)

Read second time, and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)
(a viva voce vote)
(years, nays)

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of years, nays

Read third time, and passed by (a viva voce vote)
(years, nays)

Returned to the House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER SENATE ACTION:

_____ Returned from the Senate (as substituted)
(with amendments)

_____ House concurred in Senate amendments by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ House conferees appointed: _____, Chair; _____,
_____, _____, _____

_____ Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chair;
_____, _____, _____, _____

_____ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a (viva voce vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays)